

### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Non-photosensitive direct thermographic materials have a support and thermally sensitive imaging layer(s) and an outermost “protective” layer

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(a) a solid polymer derived from one or more olefins and from one or more ethylenically unsaturated polymerizable carboxylic acids or esters or anhydrides thereof, and

(b) a branched  $\alpha$ -olefin polymer, and

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(c) optionally, an additional wax.